

INTRODUCTION

This publication contains profiles of Missouri's 36 teacher preparation institutions with programs approved by the State Board of Education. This year's report looks at the program completers for the school year 1999-2000 as defined by the *Reference and Reporting Guide for Preparing State and Institutional Reports on the Quality of Teacher Preparation, Title II, Higher Education Act*:

"A program completer is a person who has met all the requirements of a state-approved teacher preparation program. Program completers include all those who are documented as having met such requirements. Documentation may take the form of a degree, institutional certificate, program credential, transcript, or other written proof of having met the program's requirements." (NOTE: Missouri requires individuals to pass an exit exam to qualify for a teaching certificate but does not require the passing of the exit exam to be counted as a completer. Institutions may require students to pass the exit exam to be counted as a completer of their teacher preparation program. Institutions that require the exit exam for completion of their programs are indicated in the individual profiles.)

Information in the profiles is presented in four major sections: General Information, Resources, Education Processes, and Performance.

Under "General Information," readers will find data about both the institution and its teacher preparation program (enrollments, entrance requirements, demographic data about the individuals completing their program in either the fall 1999, winter 2000, or summer 2000 semesters, etc.). Information about faculty of the institution and the education program is presented under "Resources." The "Education Processes" section contains information about student-to-faculty ratios and average class size, as well as descriptions of the practical experience requirements for education majors, partnerships the institution has formed with local schools, co-curricular programs that the institutions provide to enhance learning opportunities for their teacher education students, and technology requirements for education majors. Finally, under "Performance," data are presented about the number of program completers in various subject areas and grade levels, their performance on the Praxis II exit exam, and their employment in the Missouri public education system.

Data included in the profiles were drawn from a variety of sources: the Department's Core Data and certification databases; reports prepared by the institutions to meet requirements of the Missouri Standards for Teacher Education Programs (MoSTEP); Institutions and State Title II reports, the Department of Higher Education; individual institution publications, Internet sites, and accreditation reports; and databases of the Educational Testing Service and the Assessment Resource Center at the University of Missouri-Columbia. Specific sources are cited, item-by-item, throughout the profiles.

An asterisk, a superscript number or both indicate explanations of various data elements. Asterisk notes can be found within the text of the profiles. The superscript numbers refer to the more extensive publication "Notes" that begin on page ix. For more information about the data presented in the profiles, contact the Teacher Education Section at the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (573-751-0371).